



## **School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

*Peach County High School*

*School Year 2020 - 2021*

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Peach County High School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The **Peach County High School** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the school wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- (C) Parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

**Peach County High School** will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Annual Title I Meeting will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. ALL Parents are invited to hear the Principal as he presents the Title I plan, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Title I Budget and the Parent and Family Engagement Budget. Invitations will be sent via email, school road sign, Remind system, flyers placed on the counter in the front office of the school and displayed in the windows, advertised in the local newspaper and on the Monthly Calendar for Parents available in the front office.

Parents will have the chance to help make updates on what revisions need to be made to the 1% set aside budget, Compacts, Family Engagement Policy on February 25<sup>th</sup> during Bring Your Parent to School Day, February 16<sup>th</sup> during Curriculum Night, and February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in room A11. Teachers will meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup> during planning. The feedback received before May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be used to make revisions to this Family Engagement Policy, the 1% set aside budget and the school-parent compact for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Family Engagement Policy will be sent via Remind to all parents that have given correct information to PCHS. It is placed on the PCHS website and placed in the front office, family resource center and the media center.

## **ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

**Peach County School** will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Peach County High School** will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- *PCHS provides a place in the Family Engagement Resource Center for younger children to play. We will load video or livestream onto the internet for those parents that cannot come to parent meetings. We will also hold tours and transition meetings for FVMS and BMS to help their student's transition to the high school.*
- *The Title I School Compact, Family Engagement Policy and flyers for Parent Meetings are translated using the software program Babylon and Google translate. The School Compact and Family Engagements Policy are currently in French and Spanish and can be translated when needed.*
- *Information will be delivered via the PCHS Title I website, newspaper, Facebook, emailing parents, place the info on report cards/progress reports, Remind message,s meeting dates will be placed on the sign outside of the school, place flyers in the front office, send out a monthly calendar for parents. Google Classroom is used by many of our teachers and information is given to students during the first week of class. Google Classroom may be used by parents.*
- *The Family Engagement Policy will be sent via Remind to all parents that have given their correct information to PCHS. It is placed on the PCHS website and placed in the front office, family resource center and the media center.*
- *Peach County High School also provides Academic Focus during the school day to help improve student achievement in EOC Classes.*
- *Parent Nights, Curriculum Nights, Parent meetings, Parent/Teacher conferences, IEP, 504, and RTI meetings will be provided for parents to attend and invitations/flyers will be sent in the parent's primary contact information.*

## **SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

**Peach County High School** will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

*The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during Bring Your Parent to School Days, Curriculum Night in February, Teachers feedback meetings and student feedback meeting. The school-compacts are shared with parents via Remind and placed on the PCHS website. The signature sheets are kept in the Family Engagement Room (A11) if the teacher or parent needs a copy. There are also copies on the counter in the front office on the counter.*

## **RESERVATION OF FUNDS**

If applicable, **Peach County High School** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

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*Parents will have the opportunity to give their input to the 1% set aside budget during Bring Your Parent to School Day, Curriculum Night, and during Parent feedback meetings. Teachers during planning for teacher feedback. Parents are given a paper feedback form to let us know if they have any ideas for the 1% set aside. The feedback received before May 4, 2020 will be used to make revisions to the 1% set aside budget for the 2021-2022 school year.*

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES**

**Peach County High School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

*8th Grade Transition Night at 6:00 p.m. February 23rd. Parents and students will be able to tour the CTAE Programs at the high school. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are given a tour of PCHS during the school day. CTAE also visit and give tours to the elementary students to help them prepare for their future. We will co-host and coordinate these meetings with BMS, FVMS, BES, HES, KRES, guidance counselors, parent coordinators, PCHS 9th grade guidance counselor, and Head of the CTAE Program.*

## **BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

**Peach County High School** will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - The challenging State's academic standards
  - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
  - The requirements of Title I, Part A
  - How to monitor their child's progress
  - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

*August 18 at 5:30 p.m. Parent Portal Account Set UP*

*Weekly reading tips will be sent home via email and place on the PCHS Facebook page.*

*September 10 at 6:00 p.m. Math, Science and Technology Parent Night – Parents are invited to learn ways to help their child at home with Math and Science. They will also learn about Google Classroom and Parent Portal*

*September 24 All Day Bring Your Parent to School Day – All parents are invited to spend the day or any part of the day with their child*

*October 8 at 4:30 p.m. Curriculum Night - Families have an opportunity to meet with teachers and facilitators to discuss over all curriculum and student growth pattern.*

*October 27 at 5:30 p.m. FAFSA Senior Parent and Student Meeting*

*February 16 at 4:30 p.m. Curriculum Night – Families have the opportunity to meet with teachers and facilitators to discuss over all curriculum and student growth pattern and AP information classes will be presented.*

*February 25 All day – Bring Your Parent to School Day - Parents are invited to attend their child's Math and Science classes to get a better understanding of what their teachers expect from them and how they might be able to assist their student.*

*March 9 6:00 p.m. Math Bank Night & Cyber Safety – Parent and Students are invited to hear local banks talk about banking options, also a PC Deputy will be present to talk about Cyber Safety*

## **BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

**Peach County High School** will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

*Four times a year during teacher planning Faculty Training for New Teachers will be held in Family Resource Room. The Family Engagement Coordinator will give Faculty training on effective ways to communicate with parents and family members in room A11 (Family Resource Room) during these meetings. The Family Engagement Coordinator will attend the Family Engagement State Training Conference.*

**Peach County High School** will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

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*November 5 – 9:00 a.m. Cupcakes and Conversation with the Counselor – Parents have the opportunity to meet in an informal setting with counselors to ask questions.*

*January 19 – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Coke and Conversation with the Principal – Parents are invited to come talk to the Principals before or after attending the Basketball game (tentative to the Basketball schedule)*

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*February 16 at 4:30 p.m. Curriculum Night – Families have the opportunity to meet with teachers and facilitators to discuss over all curriculum and student growth pattern and AP information classes will be presented.*

*May 4 at 6:00 p.m. Gifted parent meeting – “How was Your Year” Parents of gifted students are invited to give their feedback on how their year has gone.*



## **DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

### **POLICY COMPONENTS**

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents.
- To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
- Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent and family engagement activities.
- Fort Valley State University and the IHelp Collaborative Partnership Program provides placement of FVSU student volunteers for to assist with various school events for field experiences
- Peach County Family Connection provides collaborative informative meetings with community leaders and various organizations to promote the participation in events that support Peach County